



## **Indiana State Excise Police News Release**

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### **Survey For Alcohol Compliance Moves to Next Phase**

The Indiana State Excise Police will soon start issuing violations to businesses that sell alcoholic beverages to minors who are participating in their Survey For Alcohol Compliance. Since April 2007, officers with the Indiana State Excise Police have been taking minors, age 19-20 into alcoholic beverage establishments to gather information about which retailers would be willing to sell alcoholic beverages to these underage individuals. Until now, the inspection pass/fail data has been managed by the IUPUI Survey Research Center and used only as a means to track problem areas across the state. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, Excise officers and the minors will return to the locations that failed their initial inspection and re-inspect them. If they fail their inspection this time around, the State Excise Police will issue a Notice of Violation to the business for Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage to a Minor. Penalties for violating this statute range from deferred prosecution, to a monetary fine, to a possible suspension of the license. Statewide, the Survey has shown a 34.96% non-compliance rate among alcoholic beverage establishments.